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SUBJECT: DR. KISSINGER'S DISCUSSION WITH DUTCH FOREIGN

MINISTER ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

1. SECRETARY-DESIGNATE KISSINGER RECEIVED DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL SEPTEMBER 19 (VISIT RESULTED FROM INVITATION EXTENDED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO BY SECRETARY ROGERS) FOR DISCUSSION OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS. FOLLOWING WERE HIGHLIGHTS OF CONVERSATION.

2. VAN DER STOEL SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN COPENHAGEN SEPTEMBER 10-11 AND DRAFT DECLARATION ON US-EC RELATIONS PREPARED AS A RESULT OF THAT MEETING. HE WAS NOT IN POSITION TO DISCUSS DRAFT IN DETAIL (TEXT WAS PRESENTED SEPARATELY SEPTEMBER 19 BY DANISH AMBASSADOR TO DEPUTY SECRETARY), BUT HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD CONSIDER IT CAREFULLY AND SAID THAT EC
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LOOKED FORWARD TO RECEIVING US COMMENTS. VAN DER STOEL NOTED THAT A PARALLEL EXERCISE WAS IN PROGRESS TO PRODUCE NATO DECLARATION ON SECURITY QUESTIONS AND HE INQUIRED ABOUT US VIEWS CONCERNING A THIRD DECLARATION WHICH MIGHT

LINK THE NATO AND EC STATEMENTS IN WAY WHICH ALSO COULD INCLUDE JAPAN. DR. KISSINGER SAID THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY, BUT HE FELT IT ADVISABLE TO DECIDE FIRST ABOUT TWO DECLARATIONS BEFORE PROCEEDING TO CONSIDER A THIRD.

3. FOR FOREIGN MINISTER'S BACKGROUND, DR. KISSINGER EXPLAINED US APPROACH TO QUESTION OF A US-EUROPEAN DECLARATION. HE MADE CLEAR THAT US, CONTRARY TO SOME VIEWS APPARENTLY PREVALENT IN EUROPE, DOES NOT NEED SUCH A DECLARATION. HOWEVER, WE HAVE FELT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR PURPOSES OF INVIGORATING ALLIANCE AND WOULD BE IN INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBERS OF ALLIANCE TO RESTATE COMMON PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES IN THE LIGHT OF NEW CIRCUMSTANCES. MOST IMPORTANTLY, SUCH A STATEMENT COULD BE OF GREAT ASSISTANCE IN OVERCOMING MUTUAL SUSPICIONS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE ITSELF WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HAVE SURFACED IN THE PAST.

4. QUESTIONED BY VAN DER STOEL CONCERNING US VIEWS ON TIMING FOR FINISHING WORK ON DECLARATION, DR. KISSINGER SAID WE HAVE NO MAGIC DEADLINES. CONSIDERING OUR OWN CONGRESSIONAL SCHEDULE, WE HAVE FELT THAT, IF A DECLARATION COULD BE WORKED OUT THIS FALL, OR AT LEAST BY NEXT FEBRUARY OR MARCH, IT COULD BE OF ASSISTANCE.

HOWEVER, DR. KISSINGER EMPHASIZED THAT DATES ARE NOT THE MAJOR CONSIDERATION. WE ARE ENGAGED IN AN HISTORIC PROCESS; THE SUBSTANCE IS THE IMPORTANT THING AND WE ARE NOT AIMING FOR A SIMPLE REITERATION OF STANDARD COMMUNIQUE.

5. VAN DER STOEL SAID THAT DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER ANDERSEN WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE EC COMMENTS AND VIEWS CONCERNING DRAFT DECLARATION TO DR. KISSINGER WHEN HE SEES HIM IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK. THEREAFTER, HE SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR POLITICAL DIRECTORS OF THE NINE
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EC COUNTRIES TO MEET WITH US REPRESENTATIVE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND WORK ON DECLARATION. DR. KISSINGER SAID HE WOULD FAVOR SUCH A MEETING BUT QUESTIONED IF US WOULD BE PREPARED FOR THOROUGHGOING SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE AT POLITICAL DIRECTOR LEVEL DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24. AFTER FURTHER DISCUSSION, IT WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT THERE WOULD BE A MEETING IN NEW YORK NEXT WEEK OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND US REPRESENTATIVE (STOESSEL) FOR PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS; A SUBSEQUENT MEETING MIGHT THEN BE HELD (PROBABLY IN COPENHAGEN) WITHIN ONE OR TWO WEEKS FOR MORE DETAILED WORK.

6. REGARDING TYPE OF MEETING WHICH MIGHT BE HELD IN EUROPE IN EVENT OF PRESIDENTIAL VISIT, VAN DER STOEL

DESCRIBED AS ONE POSSIBILITY A MEETING OF PRESIDENT WITH DANISH PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF EC COUNCIL, PRESIDENT OF EC COMMISSION AND FOREIGN MINISTERS OF EC COUNTRIES. DR. KISSINGER SAID SUCH A FORMAT MIGHT

BE CONSIDERED IF IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT PRESIDENT'S MEETING IN NATO WOULD BE AT HEADS OF GOVERNMENT LEVEL. DR. KISSINGER STRESSED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE NOR WOULD IT BE UNDERSTOOD IN US FOR PRESIDENT TO SIGN ANY DECLARATIONS WITH FOREIGN OFFICIALS WHO WERE NOT AT HIS LEVEL OF AUTHORITY. WHEN VAN DER STOEL COMMENTED THAT FRENCH MIGHT BE STUMBLING BLOCK IN THIS CONNECTION, DR. KISSINGER SAID HE PLANNED TO SPEAK TO FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER IN NEW YORK ALONG THESE SAME LINES, AS WELL AS TO OTHER AVAILABLE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS.

7. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION ON CSCE, DR. KISSINGER STATED THAT WE HAVE NO FIXED DATE IN MIND FOR TERMINATION OF CSCE, NOR DO WE HAVE ANY UNDERSTANDING WITH SOVIETS ABOUT A SUMMIT MEETING. WE DOUBT THAT GREAT DEAL OF SIGNIFICANCE WILL COME OUT OF CSCE AND THEREFORE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ITS WORK PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AVOIDING IMPRESSION THAT MAJOR ISSUES ARE LIKELY TO BE RESOLVED BY CSCE. DR. KISSINGER SAID THAT IN OUR VIEW A CSCE THIRD PHASE AT THE SUMMIT IS UNLIKELY TO BE JUSTIFIED, BUT WE HAVE NOT NOTED THAT ANY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE FLATLY REJECTED IDEA OF SUMMIT AND WE DO NOT WISH TO BE ISOLATED ON THIS
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ISSUE. IF OTHERS OPPOSE SUMMIT, WE WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN JOINING THEM.

8. VAN DER STOEL ALSO RAISED WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS CONCERN OF YOUNGER GENERATION IN MANY NATO COUNTRIES CONCERNING GREECE AND PORTUGAL AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT QUIET DIPLOMACY SHOULD BE USED TO ENCOURAGE GREECE TO MOVE TOWARD DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE AND PORTUGAL TO GRANT SELF-DETERMINATION TO HER AFRICAN COLONIES. HE ALSO THOUGHT THAT US-EUROPEAN DECLARATIONS SHOULD MENTION PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM. DR. KISSINGER COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT BILATERAL EFFORTS MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE IN THIS AREA BUT HE QUESTIONED WHETHER NATO AS AN ORGANIZATION SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED IN THE INTERNAL STRUCTURES AND POLICIES OF ITS MEMBER STATES. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT SOME GENERAL LANGUAGE ABOUT DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES MIGHT BE ACCEPTABLE IN A DECLARATION. RUSH

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